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Solve the following problems:

1. Consider a 500.0 mL buffer solution that is 0.160 M NH_3 and 0.140 M NH_4Cl .

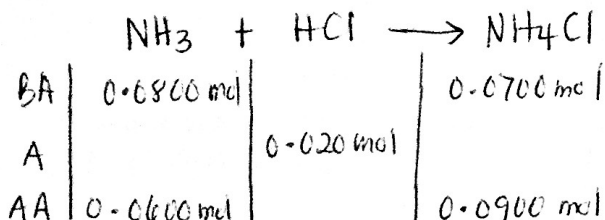
(a) What's the pH of the buffer solution?

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log \frac{[\text{base}]}{[\text{acid}]}$$

$\swarrow \text{NH}_3$ $\nwarrow \text{NH}_4^+$

$$= -\log(5.6 \times 10^{-10}) + \log \frac{(0.160)}{(0.140)} = \underline{9.31}$$

(b) Determine the pH of the solution after the addition of 0.020 mol of HCl.



$$\text{pH} = -\log(5.6 \times 10^{-10}) + \log \frac{(0.0600)}{(0.0900)} = \underline{9.08}$$

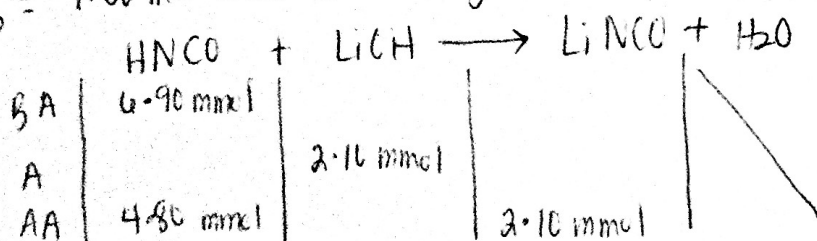
2. A 30.0 mL sample of 0.230 M cyanic acid (HCNO) solution is titrated with a 0.300 M LiOH solution. Calculate the pH of the solution after the following volumes of base have been added: (a) 0.0 mL, (b) 7.00 mL, (c) 11.5 mL, (d) at the equivalence point, (e) 24.0 mL. Make a rough sketch of the titration curve including labels.

$$V_e = V_b = \frac{C_a V_a}{C_b} = \frac{(30.0 \text{ mL})(0.230)}{0.300 \text{ M}} = 23.0 \text{ mL LiOH}$$

(a) $V_b = 0 \text{ mL LiOH}$ (weak acid soln)

$$[\text{H}_2\text{C}^+] = \sqrt{K_a \times [\text{HCNO}]} = \sqrt{(2 \times 10^{-4})(0.230)} = 7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(7 \times 10^{-3}) = \underline{2.2}$$

(b) $V_b = 7.00 \text{ mL LiOH}$ (Buffer Region)

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log \frac{[\text{base}]}{[\text{acid}]}$$

$\swarrow \text{NCO}^-$ $\nwarrow \text{HCNO}$

$$= -\log(2 \times 10^{-4}) + \log \frac{(2.10)}{(4.80)}$$

$$\text{pH} = \underline{3.3}$$

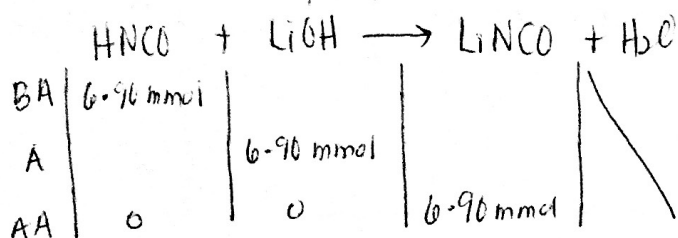
(c) $V_b = 11.5 \text{ mL LiOH}$ (Buffer Region)

$$V_b = \frac{V_e}{2} \leftarrow \text{midpoint of titration}$$

$$\text{So } \text{pH} = \text{pK}_a$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(2 \times 10^{-4}) = \underline{3.7}$$

(d) $V_b = 23.0 \text{ mL LiOH}$ (Equivalence point - weak base salt)



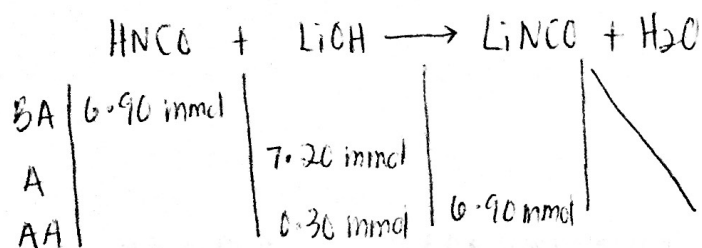
$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{2 \times 10^{-4}} = 5 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$[\text{NCO}^-] = \frac{6.90 \text{ mmol}}{53.6 \text{ mL}} = 0.130 \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \sqrt{K_b \times [\text{NCO}^-]} = \sqrt{(5 \times 10^{-11})(0.130)} = 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$

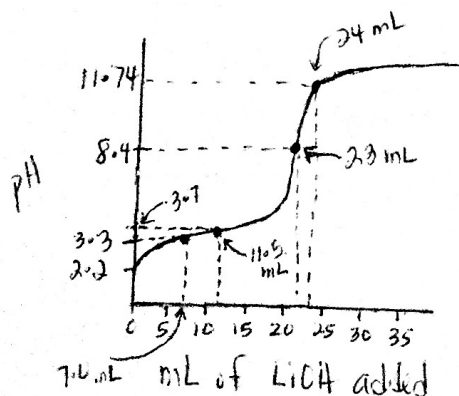
$$\text{pOH} = -\log(3 \times 10^{-6}) = 5.6 \quad \text{pH} = 14.00 - 5.6 = \underline{8.4}$$

(e) $V_b = 24.0 \text{ mL LiOH}$ (Excess Strong base salt)



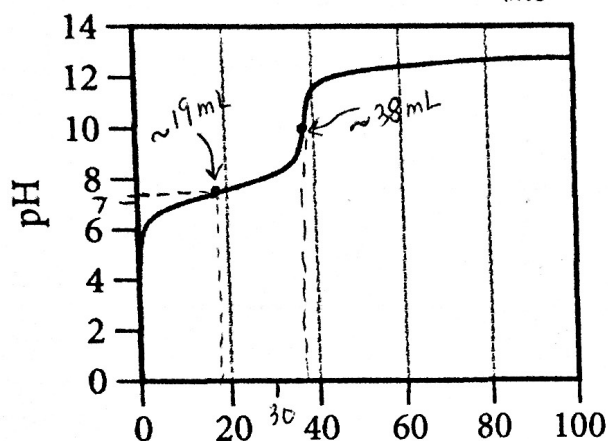
$$[\text{OH}^-] = [\text{LiOH}] = \frac{0.30 \text{ mmol}}{54.6 \text{ mL}} = 0.0056 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(0.0056) = 2.26 \quad \text{pH} = 14.00 - 2.26 = \underline{11.74}$$

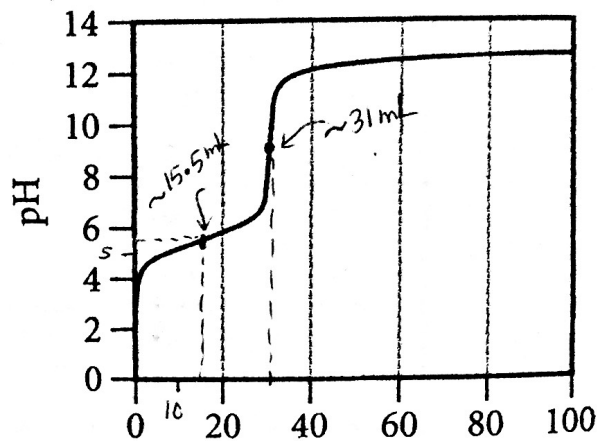


3. Consider the titration curves for two weak acids, both titrated with 0.100M NaOH:

Assume volume of acid is 30.0 mL ← Oops!



(a) Volume of base added (mL)



(b) Volume of base added (mL)

- (i) Which acid solution is more concentrated?
(ii) Which acid has the larger K_a ?

(i) Concentration of (a)

$$C_a V_a = C_b V_b$$

$$C_a = \frac{(0.100M)(38mL)}{30.0 mL} = 0.13M$$

Concentration of (b)

$$C_a V_a = C_b V_b$$

$$C_a = \frac{(0.100M)(31mL)}{30.0 mL} = 0.10M$$

* Acid (a) is more concentrated

(ii) Midpoint $pH = pK_a$

K_a of (a)

At midpoint, $pH \cong 7.3$

$$K_a = 10^{-pK_a} = 10^{-7.3} = 5 \times 10^{-8}$$

K_a of (b)

At midpoint $\cong pH = 5.6$

$$K_a = 10^{-5.6} = 3 \times 10^{-6}$$